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SBARA FIELD DAY 2008 - June 27, 28 & 29

Are you planning to come out to Field Day this year? The Field Day team has activities planned for everyone. Hopefully you will participate and not miss the fun of this very special day for amateur radio operators. In addition, this year's SBARA Field Day will have the added feature of someone winning a new Elecraft K3/100 HF Transceiver. The raffle will be held at the Saturday Barbeque dinner.

The board of directors has decided to provide you an exciting dinner on Saturday. Adam ND6N and Kortnee Feriante KF6Y will be cooking Tri-Tips steak and Ham for the main course. SBARA will also be providing all the drinks. Remember for the potluck part or the meal, if your last name begins with:

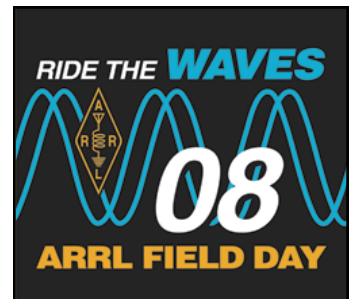
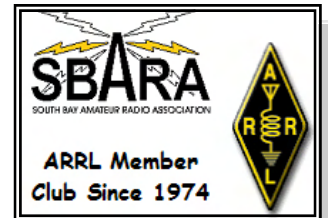
A through I... bring a vegetable side
J through R... bring a salad side
S through Z... bring a dessert

We will be operating four stations so the exchange will be 'KU6S 4A East Bay Section.'

This year SBARA has invested in new Vertical Dipole antennas for the 20 meter and 40 meter stations. On Friday the 27th we will be setting up the antennas and

stations. If you are available to help on Friday, it will greatly be appreciated. While we have a lot of stations to setup, with all the new club antennas it will be a much easier setup. The tasks are simple and easy like helping set up a tent and assemble the vertical dipoles. No more tall mast to set up with these club provided antennas! Bring gloves, hat and sunscreen to prevent sunburn. Lunch will be provided by SBARA if you come out at 10AM to help. We will be working into the evening and if you stay, we will be having a barbeque for those who worked all day.

Operators are always needed to keep the stations 'on the air' for 24 hours. If you haven't operated in the past, please give it a try. Someone will be more than happy to assist you if you just let us know you are interested in operating. Set a simple goal to make 10 contacts. There will be sign-up sheets so you can set the time of day/night you want to operate. So plan on operating or join the team on Friday starting at 10:00AM to setup the equipment and likewise on Sunday at 10AM to tear down the same. (cont'd. on Page 2)



Volunteers are needed for the Hayward Zucchini Festival...See A1 for details!

Treasurer's Report May 2008 - Annual report 2007

Dear SBARA member,

Let's first have a quick look into our **monthly numbers**. Since beginning of the year we have received \$4,992.41 and spent \$2,376.89. The very high number for incoming money is a result of the extremely successful K3 raffle - this radio rocks! However, we expect further expenses soon for the fieldday.

Now let's look back to 2007. Corporations such as our club have to declare taxes to the State of California (not to IRS) one month later than individuals, i.e. mid of May. Although we are tax exempt, we have to list our income and our expenses in detail. This is the perfect opportunity to look back at how we did last year.

First the numbers:

In 2007 we had an income of \$6,698.41 and expenses of \$5,910.10, generating a net balance of \$788.31.

As of end of 2007 the club also had savings of \$3,638.81.

The net balance is somewhat less than what we got 2006, which is largely a result of not having a fiscal year in place before 2008: transactions were recorded at the time of their occurrences, not at the time of their logical belonging, e.g. membership fees were collected between August and March, and counted the year they were collected in.

As a result of these numbers, which make it very difficult to design the budget for the next year, we decided to implement a fiscal year scheme, with December 31st as cut-off date. From now on transactions will be counted in the year of their origin, e.g. membership fees for 2008 will exclusively be counted in 2008, even if collected at the end of 2007.

Now, where did all the money come from, and what did the club do with it?

- The income comes from several major and minor sources: 49.7% come from all the raffles we did (meeting raffles and the grand Fieldday K2 raffle), 19.4% comes from our engagement with the Zucchini Festival, 8.6% is made from our membership fees, and the remaining 22.3% was collected e.g. by T-shirt sales, refreshment sales, donations and other small things.
- The biggest part of our expenses, 34.0%, went into the purchase of raffle items such as the K2 for the Fieldday Raffle; 21.4% were costs we have every year, such as the Veteran's Hall rent, our club insurance, P.O.box fees, state fees etc.; 8.9% were used for socializing events (potluck dinners, christmas dinner etc.) and the remaining 35.7% went into fieldday items (antenna material, filters, food, gas;

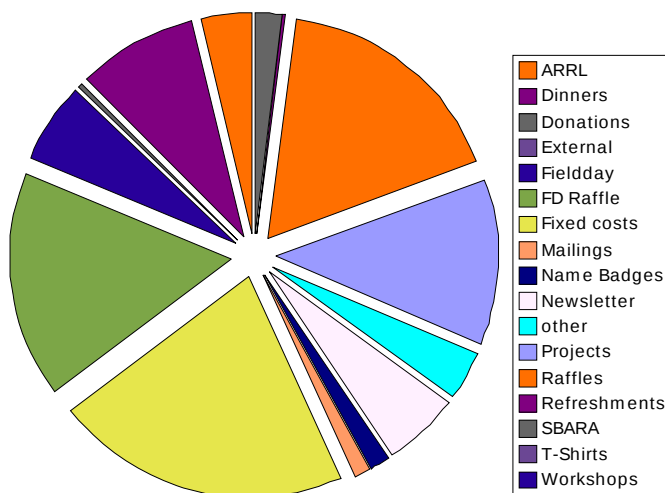
6.00%), newsletter mailing and copying costs (5.73%), membership mailings (1.08%), food for dinners (8.89%) and other minor items. - A big part will fall away in 2008: we don't have to pay rent anymore!

SBARA will use the money to build further fieldday antennas and - once we found a good location for it - to put together a club station. Do you know a good location? Let the board know!

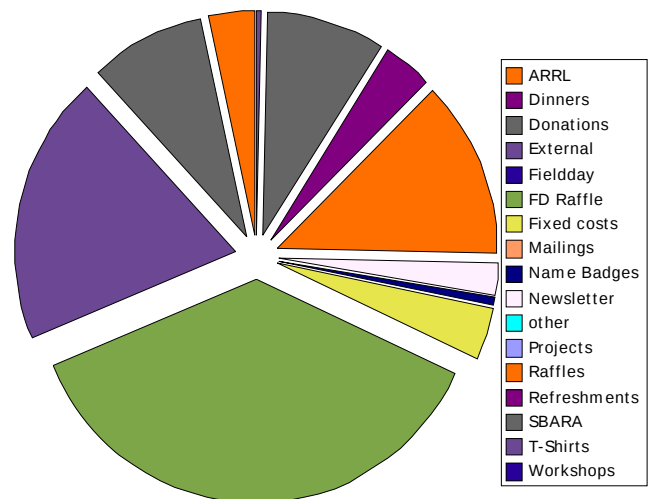
73!

Bernhard, AE6YN

SBARA Expenses 2007



SBARA Income 2007



Explanations:

ARRL	Membership fees
Dinners	Spaghetti dinner, Potluck dinner, Pancake Breakfast, etc.
Donations	Donation can, donation auction, ...
External	Zucchini Festival, flea markets, etc.
Fieldday	Expenses like gasoline, etc.
FD Raffle	Fieldday raffle expenses and income
Fixed costs	Rent, insurance, PO box, tax fees etc.
Mailings	Cards, paper, envelopes, stamps, etc.
Name Badges	Orders and costs
Newsletter	Copy cost, stamps, HRO ads
Other	All remaining transactions
Projects	Projects (e.g. fieldday antennas)
Raffles	All raffle expenses and ticket sales except fieldday
Refreshments	Meeting refreshments expenses
SBARA	Membership fee
T-Shirts	Orders and costs
Workshops	Workshop tickets and material expenses

It Takes a Club — By David Sumner, K1ZZ, ARRL Chief Executive

"Looking at variations in Amateur Radio licensing activity and new ARRL membership around the country, it's apparent that there are "hot spots" where newcomers are joining our ranks in relatively large numbers compared to other areas."

What does it take to make such a "hot spot"? One answer is that it takes a local radio club - but not just any club. It takes a club that has made a commitment to reach out to the community or communities that it serves, with a program to bring friends and neighbors from a vague awareness of Amateur Radio all the way to being active radio amateurs.

Such clubs don't just happen. It takes vision, leadership and a lot of hard work. It takes club officers and members who are willing to venture beyond their normal comfort zone. It takes a welcoming, supportive and non-judgmental attitude on the part of everyone in the club that a newcomer is likely to encounter.

The good news is that once you have such a club it becomes -- almost -- a perpetual motion machine. Here's how it works. Assuming that your community has a radio club and that you're a member, the first step is to develop a culture of outreach and welcome within the club. This takes conscious effort, especially if your members are in the comfortable rut of talking to the same group of friends all the time. Imagine that you're listening to the club's repeater for the first time, as an amateur who is either new to the community or a

new licensee. Would you feel welcome to join in the conversation, or would you feel that you would be regarded as an intruder? Now, imagine that you're attending a club meeting for the first time. You walk in and see knots of people talking among themselves. Would anyone greet you and introduce them-selves or would you be left standing by yourself? Before you're ready to make a serious outreach effort you must be able to answer these questions positively. Being friendly and welcoming is necessary, but not sufficient.

Does your club offer licensing classes? Do you help new licensees get over the many other hurdles -- selecting and installing antennas, learning how to use equipment, debugging interference to and from consumer electronic devices, and so on -- that stand in the way of aspiring operators? Do you make sure that their first on-the-air contact is a positive experience, and offer nets and roundtables that they will want to join? Do you expose them to the wide variety of activities that they can pursue as radio amateurs? Do you encourage ARRL membership, so they will enjoy full access to membership benefits and will receive the monthly stimulus of QST? If you have all of these bases covered, congratulations! Your club is ready to promote itself to the community. Most clubs already have some experience doing this, with varying degrees of success. While a full discussion of the do's and don'ts is more than this page can accommodate, here are a couple of thoughts.

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There are many amateur licensees in your community who are not presently active. With the caveat that some are Silent Keys and others have not kept their addresses current in the FCC database, it's easy to compile a mailing list for an invitation to an Open House or other special event. If you succeed in reactivating them, their renewed enthusiasm may infect their friends and family members.

If you invite the general public to come and see your club, make sure there's something for them to look at. Even a static display with some QSL cards and photos of past club events can be an ice-breaker, giving your greeters something to talk and invite questions about amateur radio.

Field Day is just around the corner. With proper planning it can be an ideal event for introducing Amateur Radio to your community, and your club to existing and prospective licensees. This year there is a new, easy-to-use tool for publicizing your club's Field Day site: the ARRL Field Day Station Locator Web Site: www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/locator.php But remember -- an invitation to visit your site carries with it the responsibility to ensure that visitors (including children) are safe and that they have a positive, informative experience. If your Field Day operation is open to the public, the proper greeting of visitors cannot be left to chance -- it's as important a part of Field Day planning as the antennas, equipment, operators and food. Every club

has its ups and downs. If yours has been in the downward part of the cycle, now is a good time to take stock - to capitalize on the strengths and overcome the weaknesses. The opportunities for club growth, in quality as well as quantity, have never been greater.

Oh, about that "perpetual motion machine." Have you ever attended a club meeting where there was to be an election of officers, but there were more offices than candidates? If not, you're fortunate. Many clubs with static or shrinking membership lists find that it's difficult to fill club offices or undertake new projects. Once a club finds the formula for attracting and nurturing new members, maintaining the club's vibrancy and activity becomes much easier.

The best local clubs provide a logical path for identifying and developing their future leaders, from student to new member and in succession to greeter, committee member, committee chairman, and officer. **Your club's president for 2012 may be someone who sees Amateur Radio in action for the first time on Field Day -- or may be sitting in your licensing class right now!**

The Meaning of Field Day

WHAT IS FIELD DAY?

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Field Day is an annual amateur radio exercise Sponsored by the America Radio Relay League which encourages emergency communications preparedness. It typically is the largest single emergency preparedness exercise in the country with over 30,000 ham radio operators participating each year.

Since the first Field Day in 1933, Amateur radio operators throughout the United States have practiced the rapid deployment of radio communications equipment in environments ranging from operations under tents In remote areas to operations inside Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs). Operations using emergency and alternative power sources are highly encouraged, since electricity and other public infrastructures are often among the first to fail during a natural disaster or severe

weather.

To determine the effectiveness of the exercise and each participant's operations, there is an integrated contesting component and many clubs also engage in associated fun activities of camping out and having cookouts for the participants. Operations are typically for a continuous 24 hours requiring the scheduling of relief operators to keep the stations going through the night. Additional contest points are awarded for such things as experimenting with unusual modes, making contacts through space satellites and involving youth in the activity.

In the Western Hemisphere the ARRL Field Day is held annually the fourth full weekend in June (June 28-29 in 2008). The IARU Region 1 sponsors an Amateur Radio Field Day for Europe, and other national Amateur Radio societies sponsor them in other countries.

Field Day Information — By Al Rendon, WT6K

(From Page 1)

Mark your calendar for June 26th, 27th & 28. SBARA Field Day 2008 will be at Lake Elizabeth in Fremont's Central Park. We will be located adjacent to the parking lot off Paseo Padre Blvd at Sailway Drive. Be sure and come by and buy a ticket for the K3/100 HF rig raffle. Winner does not need to be present to win.

73, SBARA Leadership Team
Grand Prize Elecraft K3



Morse Code

Back when the telegraph was the fastest method of long-distance communication, a young man applied for a job as a Morse Code operator. Answering an ad in the newspaper, he went to the office address that was listed. When he arrived, he entered a large, busy office filled with noise and clatter, including the sound of the telegraph in the background. A sign on the receptionist's counter instructed job applicants to fill out a form and wait until they were summoned to enter the inner office.

The young man filled out his form and sat down with the seven other applicants in the waiting area. After a few minutes, the young man stood up, crossed the room to the door of the inner office, and walked right in. Naturally the other applicants perked up, wondering what was going on. They muttered among themselves that they hadn't heard any summons yet.

They assumed that the young man who went into the office made a mistake and would be disqualified. Within a few minutes, however, the employer escorted the young man out of the office and said to the other applicants, "Gentlemen, thank you very much for coming, but the job has just been filled." The other applicants began grumbling to each other, and one spoke up saying, "Wait a minute, I don't understand. He was the last to come in, and we never even got a chance to be interviewed. Yet he got the job. That's not fair!"

The employer said, "I'm sorry, but the last several minutes while you've been sitting here, the telegraph has been ticking out the following message in Morse Code: 'If you understand this message, then come right in. The job is yours.'" None of you heard it or understood it. This young man did. The job is his.

WHAT'S IN YOUR WALLET?
"Hopefully it's an Amateur Radio license!"



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WHAT: Amateur Radio ("Ham") License & Communications Course

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WHEN: Tuesdays: 6:30 pm - 9 pm: July 1, 8, 15 & 22 (July 22 is exam night)

Also: There will be a special Emergency Communications Training Class (ideal for new radio operators or those wishing to learn about ARES/RACES). See below.

WHERE: Menlo Park Fire Sta. 77: 1467 Chilco St.

COST: \$40.00

[make check payable to "Menlo Park Fire Protection District"]

[please bring your check to first class and give to Carol Parker]

Please write your phone # and e-mail address on the check

MATERIAL: The ARRL Ham Radio License book will be provided for this class.

INSTRUCTORS: David Fichou (Menlo Fire ARES) & Ken Dueker (Palo Alto P.D.)

REGISTER: Ken Dueker: kdueker@powerflare.com
Advise if you also wish to attend the Emergency Comm class.

Sponsored by: Menlo Park Fire Protection District CERT:

www.menlofire.org/cert

This course is open to the public but is designed

for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Red Cross, and other emergency volunteers, including first responders. There is a maximum of 35 students for this class (priority for disaster volunteer members).

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CLASS:

This class is designed for CERT members, ham radio operators, neighborhood teams, and others who want to learn about communications in a disaster. Covers all radio and communications systems, including Ham, FRS, police, fire, etc. You don't need a ham license for this class, but it is preferred.

WHAT: Emergency Communications Course for Ham Radio & CERT

WHEN: Tuesday, July 29, 2008: 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

WHERE: TBA (Menlo Park area)

COST: FREE !

BRING: Your radio(s) & instruction manuals for them

INSTRUCTORS: David Fichou (Menlo Fire ARES) & Ken Dueker (Palo Alto P.D.)

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Why is the Flag patch "Backwards" on Military Uniforms?

Following is a quote from the [Department of Defense](#) website...

"Thank you for your inquiry about the proper placement of the American flag on the uniform of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Army Regulation 670-1, "Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia," updated most recently September 5, 2003, addresses explicitly the proper and lawful placement of the U.S. flag patch on the Army uniform.

The regulation states that when authorized for application to the proper uniform the American flag patch is to be worn, right or

left shoulder, so that "the star field faces forward, or to the flag's own right. When worn in this manner, the flag is facing to the observer's right, and gives the effect of the flag flying in the breeze as the wearer moves forward. The appropriate replica for the right shoulder sleeve is identified as the 'reverse side flag'."

We appreciate and share your concern for the respectful display of our American flag on the uniform of the U.S. Armed Forces."

For more information on Army Regulation 670-1 please visit the following web site, http://www.usapa.army.mil/pdffiles/r670_1.pdf

Hayward Zucchini Festival — Al Rendon, WT6K

Want to practice your emergency communication technique? Well this year once again SBARA will be providing the communications support at the Hayward Zucchini Festival on August 16th and 17th. You will join other SBARA members in a controlled net environment using business band radios provided by the festival management. You will provide communications from one of the many entrance gates back to net control during your shift.

We need to fill 22 shifts each day and because we will not be using amateur radio frequencies we receive a nice stipend for all the shifts we cover with members like you.

Please consider helping out. It is our major fund raiser of the year and the money we earn makes it possible for the club to do many activities otherwise not possible.

Looking forward to seeing some of the new members and of course the members who have participated for years. It is a fun event and you can bring the family. Your participation give the family free entrance and you get a free lunch.

SBARA Leadership Team

A new convenient way to sign-up to work a shift at this year's Zucchini Festival is being developed by our webmaster, Umesh K6VUG.

It will allow youwork to sign up on the SBARA web page and choose the shift you want to right in the comfort of your own home.

besides havening fun, if you sign up you will be legible for a drawing.

Last year we gave a Yaesu FT 2100m transceiver.

Remember, the money we make from your participation keep our dues low and give the club the option to do thing that otherwise we could not afford.

It's our main fundraiser. As a member this is one way to really help the organization by donating a little of your time.
SBARA Leadership Team

SBARA to Purchase RG-9914 — Ordering Now

SBARA is offering our members an opportunity to purchase communication cable for their station usage. We plan on purchasing prior to the Field Day since we plan on using this cable for our Field Day location

Type 9914 Bury Type - <http://radio-ware.com/products/ca9914f.htm>

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Please contact Al - wt6k@arrl.net to get your orders in immediately

SBARA CW Practice Group — Bernhard Hailer, AE6YN

SBARA CW Practice Group

Dear CW enthusiast (or prospective enthusiast),

There was an accident during preparation of the last Groundplane issue. Some information was mixed up and we listed incorrect dates and frequencies for our CW schedule. The correct data for our CW practicing is every:

Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Sunday, 4 p.m.

on

21.400 Mhz +/- 5 kHz

We will slow down for you, don't be scared away if somebody is really fast there! Just send a „bk" and your callsign, we will adjust to your skills. We will also be able to listen to and to send SSB, usually we do some short chat in SSB at the end of our practice rounds.

Looking forward to meet you on 15m!

Isaac, KI6DIL, Amanda, AF6YL, Al, WT6K and I would be happy to meet you, too!

Bernhard, AE6YN

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The Antenna Test Team — Tuning the new Vertical Antennas for Field Day 2008





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- 101 alphanumeric memories

The Ultimate Radio!**DJ-196T** 2M/HT

- 5 Watt out
- 40 memories
- Alphanumeric display
- CTCSS + DCS built in
- "S" meter
- Auto Dialer

Low Pricing!**DR-135TP** 2M mobile

- 50 Watt out • Alpha numeric display
- 100 mems • Built-in TNC 1200 & 9600 Baud
- Front Panel GPS in • Rear DB-9 port
- CTCSS/DCS Encode/Decode built in

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WA6PWW - 223.900 -500Khz, PL 107.2

WA6PWW - 442.600 +5Mhz, PL 107.2

K6AIR - 146.940 -600Khz, PL 123.0

K6AIR - 441.525 +5Mhz, PL 123.0

ARES - Tuesday @ 7:30pm - 147.015 + PL 103.5

CW - Tuesday, 8 p.m. and Sunday, 4 p.m.
on 21.400 Mhz +/- 5 kHz

The South Bay Amateur Radio Association is a general interest amateur radio club serving the Fremont Tri-City area. The club has been in existence since 1974, and has functioned continuously ever since. We are an ARRL Special Service Club, a California not-for-profit tax exempt organization as specified in IRS Statutes. We sponsor training for

new hams, license examination sessions, and participate in various public service events. If you have a specialized amateur radio interest, chances are you can share it with one or more of our club members.

SBARA meets on the 2nd Friday of every month at Hurricane Electric in Fremont, California. The meeting begins at 7:30

PM. After conducting business, coffee and snacks are served while we socialize. Following the break, a program of interest will be presented. All persons interested in amateur radio are invited to attend. Families are welcome. We hope to see you there!

For those who would like to upgrade their licenses, here's an alternative testing opportunity. The Silicon Valley VE Group has scheduled regular test sessions every alternate Saturday morning at the HP facility in Cupertino. The ARRL site shows the following info for this Saturday, information:

Sponsor: SILICON VALLEY VE GROUP
Time: 8:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: MORRIS E JONES
(408)507-4698
Email: AD6ZH@ARRL.NET
<mailto:AD6ZH@ARRL.NET>
VEC: ARRL/VEC
<<http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/amateur/licensing/vecs.html>>
Location: HEWLETT PACKARD
19333 VALLCO PKWY BLDG #2
TESTS START BETWEEN 8-10:30AM
MAP N37 19.490 W122 00.568

CUPERTINO, CA 95014

In addition, these sessions are planned every two weeks through at least the end of May (March 17, April 7, April 21...).



Club Classifieds

List your items for sale or trade here.

Let other club members know about the gear you wish to sell, trade, need, etc. Send your info to Bill Artelt, WB9YVM before the 15th of each month to get it in the next month's newsletter.

Limit your classified to 25 words or less. Ham Radio, Computer, or electronic related items only please.

Listings are posted for 1 month, resubmit for additional months.

Listings are first-come-first-serve, limited to space available. We reserve the right to edit content.



Flag Day is
June 14, 2008
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Announcements

SBARA's monthly meeting is
June 13th. Starting at 7:30pm

Our meeting location is at Hurricane
Electric. The address in Fremont is:

760 Mission Court — Come to the
meeting and bring your HT !!

Talk-In 147.015Mhz. +600

Field Day Topics @ 7:30PM

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